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Status					
1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 Fe					
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3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under <i>Ex parte Quayle</i> , 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.					
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Disposition of Claims					
 4) Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application. 4a) Of the above claim(s) is/are withdray 5) Claim(s) 10-18 is/are allowed. 6) Claim(s) 1-3,5,8 and 9 is/are rejected. 7) Claim(s) 4,6 and 7 is/are objected to. 8) Claim(s) are subject to restriction and/o 	vn from consideration.				
Application Papers					
9) The specification is objected to by the Examine 10) The drawing(s) filed on 19 February 2004 is/are Applicant may not request that any objection to the Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correct 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Ex	e: a)⊠ accepted or b)⊡ objected drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See ion is required if the drawing(s) is obj	e 37 CFR 1.85(a). ected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).			
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12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign a) All b) Some * c) None of: 1. Certified copies of the priority documents 2. Certified copies of the priority documents 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents application from the International Bureau * See the attached detailed Office action for a list	s have been received. s have been received in Applicati rity documents have been receive u (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).	on No. <u>10/227,624</u> . ed in this National Stage			
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

- (b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.
- 2. Claims 1-3,5,8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Rossi et al 6,050,405.

Rossi et al teach golf club locking device (Figures 2,3) comprising a first link member 100 and a second link member 200 pivoted together with a forked connection 122,124,132/232,234,225 and having cutouts 102,202 to encompass golf clubs therein.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

- 3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:
 - (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.
- 4. Claim 9 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rossi et al '405. OFFICIAL NOTICE is taken that the use of a lining material such as felt to prevent marring of surfaces is well known in both the lock art and the golf bag art, thus

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would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to provide the Rossi device with a material lining to protect the golf club surfaces from damage.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 4,6,7 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The plurality of links forming a chain, including a third link as set forth in claim 4, and an additional link with an eyelet as set forth in claim 6, is not taught or suggested by Rossi et al or the prior art of record.

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claims 10-18 are allowed.

The prior art of record fails to teach the embodiment of Figure 4 which includes a front flat surface and non-planar rear flat surface on each link member, rather than the forked embodiment of Figure 1 which is taught by Rossi et al.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Suzanne Dino Barrett whose telephone number is 703-308-0825. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th 8:30-7:00.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Anthony Knight can be reached on 703-308-3179. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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